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FM AMCONSUL PARAMARIBO

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AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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AMCONSUL CURACAO

C O N F I D E N T I A L PARAMARIBO 213

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB, NS

SUBJECT: MOEDERBUND CONTEMPLATING CLAT MEMBERSHIP

1. THE GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF SURINAM TRADE UNIONS (MOEDERBUND) EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER CHAIRMAN DAAL AND GENERAL SECRETARY KROSS HAS DECIDED TO APPROACH THE CENTRAL LATINA AMERICANA DE TRABAJADORES (CLAT) FOR MEMBERSHIP. DECISION APPEARS BASED ON HEADY PROMISES OF ASSISTANCE BY CLAT AND PROBABLY SOME DISSATISFACTION WITH CCL. ACCORDING TO EX-MOEDERBUND CHAIRMAN VAN DE LEEUW, ISSUE OF WHETHER TO AFFILIATE WITH CLAT AND LEAVE CARIBBEAN CONGRESS OF LABOR (CCL) WILL BE THROWN INTO LARGER GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING DURING NEXT TWO WEEKS, BUT HE CAUTIONS THAT DAAL AND KROSS STRONGLY FAVOR MEMBERSHIP CHANGE AND MAY OVERCOME POSSIBLE OPPOSITION.

2. A SECOND (OF FOUR) LABOR UNION CONFEDERATION IN SURINAM, THE PROGRESSIVE WORKERS ORGANIZATION (PWO), IS CLAT AFFILIATE. ACTING PWO CHAIRMAN JOOCNAR VISITED CARACAS WITH DAAL EARLY APRIL, PROMPTING MID- APRIL SURINAM VISIT OF CARACAS LABOR LEADERS AUGUSTO ORTEGA LIMA AND JUAN DIAZ, ACCOMPANIED BY CURACAO LABOR LEADER EITEL PIETERS. CLAT LEADERS REPORTEDLY

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GAVE TOKEN 500 DOLLARS TO PWO, WHICH GENERATED SIGNIFICANT ENTHUSIASM IN (AT THAT TIME) WANING LOCAL STRIKE SITUATION.

3. POST RECOMMENDS THAT, IF DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN HAVE NO OBJECTION, EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHE CONTACT CCL TO DETERMINE IF CCL PLANS TO TAKE ANY ACTION TO ENCOURAGE MOEDERBUND' S CONTINUED AFFILIATION WITH CCL.
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